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SUBJ: BELIZE: ROWLANDS VISIT AFTERMATH

1. THE CALM MOOD OF THE JULY 26-28 VISIT OF UK NEGOTIATOR
ROWLANDS CONTINUES TO PREVAIL. MEDIA COMMENTARY THUS FAR
HAS BEEN SPARSE AND GENERALLY RESTRAINED.

2. SEVERAL DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO VISIT HAVE ENTERED THE
PUBLIC DOMAIN:

A. FONMIN HAS SPECULATED WITH THE PRESS THAT THE NEXT
NEGOTIATING ROUND "COULD BE IN LATE SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER."
MOLINA HAS ALSO REVEALED THE DEPARTURE FROM BELIZEAN WATERS
OF TWO BRITISH VESSELS. (BRITISH CONSULATE HERE TELLS US THESE
WERE SUPPORT VESSELS, NOT THE GRIGATE ACHILLES.) MOLINA HAS
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ALSO TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE MIGHT VISIT HIS CENTRAL AMERICAN
COUNTERPARTS SOON TO BRIEF THEM ON THE ROWLANDS VISIT.
HE REPORTEDLY COMMENTED THAT THE TENOR OF THE ROWLANDS
VISIT WAS SUCH AS POSSIBLY TO MAKE UNNECESSARY THE CENTRAL
AMERICAN SUMMIT WHICH THE GOG HAS TALKED OF CONVOKING ON
BELIZE. THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER MENTION OF A MEETING
HERE OF CENTRAL AMERICAN MILITARY CHIEFS OF STAFF.

B. INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT LAUGERUD IN LITTLE READ EL
IMPACTO JULY 31 ALSO TOUCHED ON BELIZE. PRESIDENT WAS
QUOTED AS SAYING "THE SOONER (GOG/UK TALKS) RESUME, THE
BETTER," BUT CONDITIONED RESUMPTION ON BRITISH WITHDRAWAL
OF "AT LEAST A GOOD PART OF THEIR TROOP REINFORCEMENTS."
ULIKE MOLINA, PRESIDENT ATTRIBUTED LACK OF FORWARD
MOVEMENT ON CENTRAL AMERICAN SUMMIT TO NICARAGUAN PRESIDENT
SOMOZA'S ILLNESS.

C. BOTH PRESIDNETAND FOREIGN MINISTER ANNOUNCED THE START
OF A MAJOR CAMPAIGN TO "ORIENT" THE PUBLIC ON BELIZE.
PRESIDENT PROMISED THE "CRUDE REALITIES", NOT THE USUAL
"EVASIONS". CENTERPIECE IS TO BE A ONCE-WEEKLY TELECAST
BEGINNING EVENING AUGUST2.
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